

PATENTS TRADEMARKS COPYRIGHTS

3500 South First Avenue Circle - Suite 250  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105-5802

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 23 2004

OFFICIAL

Date: 7/23/04

Fax Number: (703) 872-9306

To Examiner: Unknown

Group Art: Unknown

From:  Jeff Proehl  Mark Ekse  Robert K. Huck

Stephanie Voigt  Cheryl Edblom  Other

RE: Appln. No. 10/805,732 Filing Date: 3/22/04 Applicant: Love

Response to Notice of Omitted Items mailed  
June 7, 2004

Total Number of Pages (Including cover sheet): 7 (Please call us as soon as possible if you do not receive all pages).

Certificate of Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to:

FAX No. (703) 872-9306 or  FAX No. (703) \_\_\_\_\_

on the 23 of July, 2004.

Steph Voigt  
Signature  
Steph Voigt  
Printed Name

**PRIVILEGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

The information contained in this fax message is privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named below. If the reader of this fax message is not the intended recipient, or the employee agent responsible to deliver to the intended recipient, you are hereby on notice that you are in possession of the confidential and privileged information. Any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. You will immediately notify the sender by telephone of your inadvertent receipt. Return the original fax message to sender at the address herein given via the United States Postal Service.

Leonard & Proehl, Prof. L.L.C.

3500 S. First Avenue Circle  
Suite 250

(605) 339-2028



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 Box 1400  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1400  
 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/805,732	03/22/2004	John S. Love	P2009US00

24333  
 GATEWAY, INC.  
 ATTN: SCOTT CHARLES RICHARDSON  
 610 GATEWAY DRIVE  
 MAIL DROP Y-04  
 N. SIOUX CITY, SD 57049

CONFIRMATION NO. 9570

## FORMALITIES LETTER



OC00000012885726

Date Mailed: 06/07/2004

## NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 6 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted item(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete

sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

---

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

FASANO  
Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)  
Appln. No. 10/805,732  
For MULTIAXIAL HINGE ASSEMBLY WITH ROTATIONAL DIRECTION INDICATOR

Attorney's Docket No.24-0311  
Client's Docket No. P2009US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Re Patent Application of  
JOHN S. LOVE  
Serial No.: 10/805,732  
Filed: 03/22/2004  
For: MULTIAXIAL HINGE ASSEMBLY WITH  
ROTATIONAL DIRECTION INDICATOR

Examiner: (unknown)  
Group Art Unit: (unknown)

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

)  
)  
) CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
) JUL 23 2004  
)  
)  
)  
)  
**OFFICIAL**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a  
Nonprovisional Application" mailed June 7, 2004, please amend the  
application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification:** Begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims:** None.
- Amendments to the Drawings:** None.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)

Appln. No. 10/805,732

For MULTIAXIAL HINGE ASSEMBLY WITH ROTATIONAL DIRECTION INDICATOR

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph numbered [0015] on page 6 of the specification as follows:

~~{0015} — FIG. 6 is a simplified schematic of an alternative embodiment of a hinge assembly according to the present invention for use with a hybrid notebook/tablet PC.~~

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)  
Appln. No. 10/805,732  
For MULTIAXIAL HINGE ASSEMBLY WITH ROTATIONAL DIRECTION INDICATOR

### REMARKS

Consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 20 remain in this application.

Responsive to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) for this case, in which it was noted that while a "Figure 6" was described in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" of the specification, no drawing for a Figure 6 was included with the filing of the patent application. The applicant notes that the reference to a "Figure 6" was inadvertently included in the "Brief Description" portion of the specification when in actuality no Figure 6 was intended to have been included in the application.

Therefore, applicant requests that examination of the application continue with the patent application as received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (U.S.P.T.O.) on March 22, 2004.

Therefore, the "Brief Description of the Drawings" portion of the specification has been amended to deleted the description of a "Figure 6" by the above preliminary amendment, and it is believed that this is the only mention of a "Figure 6" in the application. However, if another mention of "Figure 6" is found in the specification, applicant will also remove such mention.


RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)  
Appl. No. 10/805,732  
For MULTIAxIAL HINGE ASSEMBLY WITH ROTATIONAL DIRECTION INDICATOR

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD & PROEHL, Prof.L.L.C.



Date: July 23, 2004

Jeffrey A. Proehl (Reg. No. 35,987)  
3500 South First Avenue Circle, Suite 250  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-5807  
(605)339-2028 FAX (605)336-1931